

Garley Fire	Fire  Update	Cibola National Forest/Laguna Pueblo
May 22, 2006 10:00 am	Fire Information Center: (505) 430-8912	
For Immediate Release	Web updates: www.nmimt.com/assignment.htm	

Fire Statistics

Date Started: 5/19/06	Cause of Ignition: Lightning	Location: SE of Mt. Taylor, approx. 6 miles north of Cubero, NM
Size: 115 acres	Percent Containment: 35 %	Estimated Cost to Date: \$450,000
Personnel: 141	Aircraft: 2 helicopters	Equipment/Crews: 6 Crews, 2 Engines, 2 Water Tenders

Crews Continue Progress on Garley Fire

Grants, NM (May 22, 2006) – Fire crews made good progress on the Garley Fire, located 6 miles north of Cubero, NM, on the southeast side of Mt. Taylor. The fire is burning in Ponderosa Pine and beetle kill on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and Laguna Pueblo Lands. To date, the fire has burned 115 acres.

“Fire crews will continue to secure the lines and grid for any spot fires,” says Bob Lineback, Incident Commander. “As long as today’s weather doesn’t throw us any major curves, I think we will make good progress.”

While thunderstorms and rugged terrain have created challenges, fire crews have the fire 35% contained. Weather may be a potential problem for today, with a red flag warning posted for this afternoon. “Gusty winds and low relative humidity could create fire behavior which will test the lines,” says Lineback.

Should you have any questions, please contact Garley Fire Information, (505) 430-8912.

Today’s Plan

Air attack will monitor the entire fire area from fixed wing aircraft, utilizing helicopter bucket support if needed. Crews will secure the line, mop up 100 feet in from the line and grid for any spot fires.

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